



# SYNOPSIS

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 14, 2016  
Schedule 2**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 26 – Bill request deadline.  
February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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### **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 14, 2016**

**HB 68** Delegate Simonaire, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – IMPERSONATING A MILITARY MEMBER –  
PENALTIES (STOLEN VALOR ACT OF 2016)

Prohibiting a person from misrepresenting oneself as a member or veteran of the United States armed forces or an organized militia or falsely holding oneself out to be a recipient of a specified military decoration or medal; and establishing penalties for violation of the Act of imprisonment not to exceed 1 year or a fine of not more than \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 8-906 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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**HB 69 Delegate Luedtke, et al****PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR NEW OR SMALL BUSINESS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit for up to 100% of the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified personal property that is owned or leased by specified new or small businesses; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 9-257 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 70 Delegate Luedtke****BUSINESS REGULATION – BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to a license to keep a billiard table for commercial use in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, §§ 17-501 through 17-505 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 71 Delegates Luedtke and Frush****TOBACCO TAXES – HEALTHY MARYLAND INITIATIVE**

Requiring the Governor to include for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter an additional \$11,000,000 in annual appropriations for tobacco use prevention and cessation programs; altering the tobacco tax rates on cigarettes and other tobacco products; establishing the tobacco tax rates on cigarillos; clarifying that all cigarettes and other tobacco products used, possessed, or held in the State on or after July 1, 2016, are subject to the full tax enacted under the Act; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

BR and TG, Various Sections - added and amended and HG, § 13-1015 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

**HB 72      Delegate Luedtke, et al****EDUCATION – SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the State Board of Education and specified nonpublic schools to develop and implement a program of age–appropriate education relating to the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault; requiring the specified program to be taught by a teacher who is trained to provide instruction on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault; requiring the specified program to be incorporated into the health curriculum of each county board of education and each nonpublic school; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-438 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 73      Delegate Luedtke, et al****INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR – PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS – EXEMPTION FROM TOLL**

Exempting a school bus used to transport public school students from any toll, fee, or other charge for the use of the Intercounty Connector.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation